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## ABSTRACT

**Objectives:** To determine whether the process of ubiquitination and/or activity of the 26S proteasome are involved in the induction of osteoarthritis (OA).

**Methods:** Bovine cartilage resorption assays, chondrocyte cell-line SW1353 and primary human articular chondrocytes were used with the general proteasome inhibitor MG132 or vehicle to identify a role of the ubiquitin–proteasome system (UPS) in cartilage destruction and matrix metalloproteinase-13 (MMP13) expression. In vivo, MG132 or vehicle, were delivered subcutaneously to mice following destabilisation of the medial meniscus (DMM) induced OA. Subsequently, DMM was induced in Lys-to-Arg (K48R and K63R) mutant ubiquitin (Ub) transgenic mice. Cytokine-signalling in SW1353s was monitored by immunoblotting and novel ubiquitinated substrates identified using Tandem Ubiquitin Binding Entities purification followed by mass spectrometry. The ubiquitination of TRAFD1 was assessed via immunoprecipitation and immunoblotting and its role in cytokine signal-transduction determined using RNA interference and real-time RT-PCR for MMP13 and interleukin-6 (IL6).

**Results:** Supplementation with the proteasome inhibitor MG132 protected cartilage from both cytokine-mediated resorption and degradation in vivo in mice following DMM-induced OA. Using transgenic animals only K48R-mutated Ub partially protected against OA compared to wild-type or wild-type Ub transgenic mice and this was only evident on the medial femoral condyle. After confirming ubiquitination was vital for NF- $\kappa$ B signalling and MMP13 expression, a screen for novel ubiquitinated substrates involved in cytokine-signalling identified TRAFD1; the depletion of which reduced inflammatory mediator-induced MMP13 and IL6 expression.

**Conclusions:** Our data for the first time identifies a role for ubiquitination and the proteasome in the induction of OA via regulation of inflammatory mediator-induced MMP13 expression. These data open avenues of research to determine whether the proteasome, or K48-linked ubiquitination, are potential therapeutic targets in OA.

## Keywords

Ubiquitin, proteasome, osteoarthritis, animal model, MMP13

INTRODUCTION

Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most prevalent joint disease,[1] the typifying feature of which is the progressive degradation of articular cartilage.[2] Cartilage itself is composed of an extracellular matrix (ECM) rich in proteoglycan (principally aggrecan) and collagen (mainly type II) maintained by the sole cell type, the chondrocyte. Remodelling and turnover of this ECM in normal physiology is mediated through the regulation of the expression of matrix components and matrix-degrading enzymes, the metalloproteinases.[3] The phenotype of the chondrocytes shifts in OA, through as yet unidentified processes, to favour catabolism with an increase in metalloproteinase expression evident. Matrix metalloproteinase (MMP)-13 is the generally accepted type II collagen-degrading proteinase in OA with pathological aggrecan cleavage mediated by ADAMTS enzymes, most probably ADAMTS-5.[4] Mechanisms to alter the expression of these enzymes in OA are potential therapeutic targets in what is currently a disease only treatable by joint replacement surgery.

Cellular proteins exist in a dynamic state with multiple pathways leading to their degradation, the best characterised being the ubiquitin–proteasome system (UPS). The UPS plays a pivotal role in the degradation of proteins important in numerous cellular processes including signal transduction pathways, a notable example being that of the NF-κB pathway via the regulation of IκB degradation. IκBs normally bind and sequester NF-κB dimers in the cytoplasm, but following their degradation the NF-κB complex translocates to the nucleus and regulates inflammatory signalling. Like most proteins destined for degradation via the UPS, IκB is covalently modified by the attachment of the small polypeptide ubiquitin (Ub). Subsequently, additional Ub polypeptides can be covalently attached to the first Ub to create a poly-Ub chain that eventually directs the client protein for proteasomal degradation.[5, 6]

Ub itself is a highly-conserved 76 amino acid polypeptide expressed by all eukaryotes. The covalent attachment of Ub to cellular proteins, ubiquitination, occurs at lysine (K) residues. Ub itself contains seven K residues which allows for different poly-Ub chains to be generated including K48 chains which target proteins to the proteasome. K63 and linear Ub

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chains have emerged as having important roles in signal transduction pathways, the most studied again being the NF- $\kappa$ B pathway.[6]

The aim of this study was to investigate the role of Ub and the UPS in the induction of OA in a murine model and to identify novel targets of Ub, all of which may have potential therapeutic relevance.

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**METHODS**

**Cells, samples and treatments**

This study was performed with Ethical Committee approval from the Newcastle and North Tyneside Health Authority, UK. Human articular chondrocytes (HACs) were from consenting patients undergoing knee joint replacement surgery and were isolated and cultured as described.[7] Human chondrosarcoma cells (SW1353) were cultured as described.[8] Cells were seeded one day before treatment and cultured in serum-free medium overnight prior to stimulation. Cells were stimulated with human recombinant IL-1 $\alpha$  (0.5 ng/ml) or 0.5  $\mu$ g/ml poly(I-C) (Invivogen, Source BioScience LifeSciences, Nottingham, UK). Where indicated, cells were treated 1 h before and during stimulation with MG132 (5  $\mu$ g/ml) (Tocris biosciences, R&D Europe Ltd. Abingdon, UK or Sigma-Aldrich Ltd. Poole, UK).

**Gene depletion/RNA interference (RNAi)**

Cells were transfected with siRNA (50 nM) for 48 h using Dharmafect 1 (Dharmacon, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Epsom, UK) according to the manufacturer’s protocol and as described previously.[7, 8] The following siRNAs were used: siGENOME SMARTpool: siGenome TRAFD1 siRNA (M-004097-01-0005) and siGenome Non-targeting siRNA pool #2 (D-001206-14-20)(siCon)(Dharmacon).

**Immunoblotting**

Whole cell lysates were prepared as described but supplemented with 20 mM N-ethylmaleimide, to block deubiquitination.[7] Protein extracts were separated by SDS-PAGE, transferred to PVDF or nitrocellulose membranes and probed with the following antibodies: anti-I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$ ; anti-phospho-NF- $\kappa$ B p65; anti-FLAG (Cell Signaling, New England Biolabs (UK) Ltd, Hitchin, UK); anti-GAPDH (Chemicon, Millipore (U.K.) Ltd., Watford, UK); anti-TRAFD1 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology (SCBT), Inc., Insight Biotechnology Ltd., Wembley, UK), and anti-Ubiquitin (Dako UK Ltd, Ely, UK).

**Enrichment of proteins with Tandem Ubiquitin Binding Entities (TUBES)**

SW1353 protein extracts were prepared following 30 min stimulation with IL-1, 1 h stimulation with poly(I-C), or under basal conditions, all in presence of MG132. Cell lysis

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buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 0.15 M NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% NP40, 10% glycerol) was supplemented with protease inhibitor cocktail (Sigma-Aldrich) and 20 mM N-ethylmaleimide, and concentrated with a 9 kDa cut-off filter (Pierce, Thermo Fisher Scientific). 4.5 mg of protein were pre-cleared with 50  $\mu$ l 50% slurry of control agarose for 30 min, and then incubated with 200  $\mu$ l of 50% slurry TUBE 2 (tebu-bio Ltd, Peterborough, UK) overnight at 4°C.[9] Enriched proteins were washed thrice with TBS-T (20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 0.15-0.2 M NaCl, 0.1% Tween-20), eluted with 200  $\mu$ l 0.2M glycine-HCl pH 2.5 and concentrated with a 10 kDa cut-off filter (Amicon, Millipore, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Epsom, UK). Enrichment of ubiquitinated polypeptides was visualised by immunoblotting prior to being reduced with 1 mM DTT, alkylated with 5 mM chloroacetamide, and trypsin (Promega, Southampton, UK) digested at 37°C overnight before identification by mass spectrometry (MS).

#### Mass spectrometric analysis and data analysis

MS was performed by Dundee Cell Products Ltd. (Dundee, UK) on an UltiMate™ 3000 nLC (Thermo scientific) coupled to a LTQ Orbitrap XL (Thermo Scientific). RAW data files were extracted with Raw2MSM and searched using Mascot Search Engine. A maximum of 2 missing tryptic cleavages and the following modifications were selected for database search criteria: fixed modifications: Carbamidomethyl (C); variable modifications: Acetyl (N-term), Dioxidation (M), Gln->pyro-Glu (N-term Q), Oxidation (M), with/without GlyGly (K). The relative quantification of proteins (spectral count) was performed using an exponentially modified abundance index (emPAI) as described.[10]

#### TRAFD1 cloning and immunoprecipitation

A human TRAFD1 ORF clone, IRQMp5018H057D (Source Bioscience), was PCR amplified using primers 5'-CAGTGTGGTGGGAATTCGTCCTGGAAGAGCTAAA-3' and 5'-GATATCTGCAGAATTCTCCTCTCTTCTCTTCTGC -3' and subcloned into a modified pcDNA4 (Life Technologies, Paisley, UK) vector using In-Fusion (Takara Bio Europe/Clontech, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France) to create a C-terminal FLAG-tag fusion protein. SW1353s were transfected using JetPEI (Source Bioscience) and TRAFD1 expression detected by immunoblotting. Transfected cells were treated as indicated. Over-expressed TRAFD1 was immunoprecipitated from 150  $\mu$ g of whole-cell-lysate with 1.5  $\mu$ g of anti-FLAG antibody



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(Sigma-Aldrich) overnight at 4°C, then incubated with 20 µl protein G PLUS-agarose (SCBT) for 1 h at 4°C. Bound proteins were washed once with lysis buffer and twice with TBS-T and eluted with 50 µl 2 x Laemmli sample buffer prior to SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting with the anti-FLAG or anti-Ub (after autoclaving of membranes) antibodies.

**Real-time reverse transcription-PCR**

Total RNA from cells was extracted using Cells-to-cDNA II kit, RNase-free DNase (Life Technologies) treated, and cDNA synthesised as described.[11] Primers and probes were as published [7] or designed by the Universal Probe Library (Roche Applied Science, Burgess Hill, UK) and were: *TRAFD1* F 5'-CAGCCTCAAGAGACCTCACC-3' and R 5'-TCCAGGTAACCAGAAGACAGGT-3' with probe#44; *IL6* 5'-GATGAGTACAAAAGTCCTGATCCA-3' and R 5'-CTGCAGCCACTGGTTCTGT-3' with probe#40. Real-time RT-PCR performed and analysed as described.[12]

**In vitro cartilage degradation assay**

Cultured bovine cartilage discs were incubated with serum-free DMEM containing IL-1 (1 ng/ml) and Oncostatin M (OSM) (10 ng/ml) ± DMSO/or MG132 (5 µg/ml) and refreshed on day 7. Residual cartilage explants were papain digested overnight at 65°C. Hydroxyproline (OHPro) and glycosaminoglycan (GAG) release were assayed as described.[13] Conditioned media was assessed at day 7 and 14 (presented) for damaged cells using the ToxiLight™ BioAssay Kit (Lonza, Slough, UK). Day 0 cartilage was freeze-thawed thrice as a positive control of cell damage.

**Experimental osteoarthritis**

Experiments were performed on wild-type C57BL/6J or mutant-Ub transgenic mice housed in standard cages with *ad libitum* food and water in accordance with UK Home Office regulations. OA was induced in 8 week old animals, following surgical sectioning of the medial meniscotibial ligament with sham operation as control (data not shown).[14] MG132 or vehicle (50% DMSO/50% polyethylene glycol 300) was delivered via osmotic mini-pump (1004; ALZET Osmotic Pumps, Cupertino, CA, USA) implanted subcutaneously and delivering 0.125 µl/h. Based upon previous studies (e.g. [15]), a single concentration of MG132 (6.6

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mg/ml) was selected which delivered 1 mg/kg/day (8 mice/group). Osmotic pumps were replaced after 4 weeks. 8 weeks post-surgery mice were euthanized and knee joints harvested for histological examination and scoring. On average 14 sections/joint, harvested at approximately 80  $\mu$ m intervals, were used for histological scoring by two blinded scorers.[16, 17] Averaged scores for the maximally affected sections are presented. Transgenic mutant-Ub animals were as described,[18, 19] where all three transgenic mouse lines express human Ub as a linear fusion with a N-terminal 6 x His tag and a C-terminal enhanced green fluorescent protein (eGFP), the latter being cleaved to generate eGFP and His-tagged Ub. Since all Ub-transgenes have an N-terminal His-tag none can support linear poly-ubiquitination. K48R Ub and K63R expressing mice also have impaired K48 and K63 poly-ubiquitination respectively. Genotyping of mice was via GFP visualisation [19] and PCR using Ub forward primer: 5'-CATGCAGATCTTCGTGAAGACCCTGACCGGCAAG-3' and GFP reverse primer: 5' CCTGCCGGTGGTGCAGAT-3' followed by restriction digestion with the endonuclease NgoMIV which only cleaves the K48R PCR amplicon.

### Statistical analysis

All values are given as mean values of replicates with error bars representing the standard error of the mean (SEM). Mann-Whitney U-test was used to assess independent pairs with a Student's t-test used for real-time PCR data analysis using Graphpad Prism Software (GraphPad Software, Inc., La Jolla, USA), where \*  $p \leq 0.05$ , \*\*  $p \leq 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p \leq 0.001$ .

RESULTS

**Inhibition of the proteasome reduces cartilage destruction and *MMP13* expression**

MG132 reduces the degradation of ubiquitin-conjugated proteins by the 26S proteasome complex and because this diverts ubiquitin pools into futile conjugates it has the effect of disrupting Ub homeostasis. Since poly-ubiquitination is strongly associated with NF- $\kappa$ B signal transduction,[20] we evaluated the effect of MG132 on cytokine-induced cartilage destruction using an established bovine cartilage model.[13] MG132 completely ameliorated the cartilage damage, as measured using glycosaminoglycan (GAG) and hydroxyproline (OHPro) release as surrogates for aggrecan and collagen destruction, mediated by the IL-1+OSM combination (Fig. 1A and B). Potential cytotoxicity of the MG132 treatment was assessed at day 7 and 14 (presented Fig. 1C) and showed low toxicity compared to freeze-thawed cartilage or the IL-1+OSM cytokine combination.

Cartilage-collagen turnover is mediated by MMPs, with MMP13 the accepted collagenase in OA. In both HAC and SW1353 cells, MG132 completely abolished the IL-1 or poly(I-C) (pIC) induced *MMP13* expression, the latter stimulus being a double-stranded RNA mimic which is a potent inducer of *MMP13* in HAC (Fig 1D).[7] Since IL-1 and poly(I-C) activate the NF- $\kappa$ B signalling pathway, we examined the effect of MG132 on the activation of this pathway by assessing the phosphorylation status of the NF- $\kappa$ B component p65 and the degradation of I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$ , which is a consequence of K48 poly-ubiquitination. Interestingly, MG132 caused an increase in P-p65 even under basal conditions, as has previously been reported.[21] Using an early time-point of stimulation (15 min), at which I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$  degradation is initiating,[7, 8] we observed MG132 caused an increase in higher molecular weight I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$  immune-reactive products which we ascribed to be K48 poly-ubiquitinated forms (Fig 1E).

**Inhibition of the proteasome reduces induced-OA in mice**

Given the ability of MG132 to protect against cytokine-induced cartilage destruction, we tested the efficacy of the compound in the murine DMM model of post-traumatic OA. MG132 was delivered systemically post-surgery for the eight week duration of the experiment at which point OA was assessed by histological scoring.[16] By this time-point in the model, cartilage lesions develop primarily on the central weight-bearing region of the

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medial-tibial plateau and to a lesser extent the medial-femoral condyles.[14] MG132 significantly reduced cartilage damage in the most affected medial-tibial plateau but showed little evidence of efficacy for the less damaged femoral condyle (Fig. 2A and B). Summation of the medial-femoral and tibial histological scores demonstrated an overall protection of cartilage loss in MG132 administered animals (Fig. 2B). Similarly to other studies (e.g. [22]), the administration of MG132 at this dose and for this length of time had no effect on the activity/wellbeing of the mice and had no impact on the weight of the animals.

### **K48 poly-ubiquitination plays a role in DMM-induced OA**

To determine the mechanism by which MG132 protected the mice from induced-OA, we performed DMM surgery on transgenic mice expressing one of three mutated forms of Ub, unable to form specific poly-Ub chains, in addition to their endogenous Ub genes.[18] When examining the medial tibial plateau none of the mutant-Ub mice were protected from OA with in fact a significant enhancement of the OA score of the K63R mice (Fig. 3A and B). However, the medial femoral condyles of the K48R mice showed a significant reduction in the OA score compared to either 'wild-type' animals or 'wild-type' Ub transgenic animals (Fig. 3A and B). Overall summation of the histological scores from both medial plateaus revealed no significant differences between transgenic and 'wild-type' animals (Fig. 3B).

### **TRAFD1 positively regulates induced MMP13 expression**

Many components of signalling pathways are known to be modulated by Ub conjugation. Therefore we attempted to identify novel proteins ubiquitinated under either basal or stimulated conditions which may be important OA given our mouse-model findings, using chondrosarcoma SW1353 cell extracts. Ubiquitinated proteins were first enriched using TUBEs which have a nanomolar binding affinity for poly-ubiquitinated proteins.[9] After confirmation of the enrichment of Ub conjugated proteins (Fig. 4A, mid-panel), proteins were identified by MS using spectral counts to quantify relative abundance. We identified 176 proteins in total and the protein with the highest emPAI (exponentially modified protein abundance index) was ubiquitin in all samples (Supplementary table). Identified proteins with a reported role in NF- $\kappa$ B signalling are listed (Table 1). Of these, TRAFD1 was identified only under basal conditions and has been identified as a negative regulator of cytokine

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signalling.[23] We therefore confirmed the association of TRAFD1 with ubiquitin by over-expression and immunoprecipitation of the protein followed by immunoblotting with anti-Ub antibody (Fig. 4B). Using RNAi we specifically depleted TRAFD1 from SW1353 cells (Fig. 4C) and measured IL-1- or poly(I-C)-induced gene expression. Depletion of TRAFD1 reduced both basal and induced expression of *MMP13* (Fig. 4D). Previous work with TRAFD1 had focussed on *IL6* regulation, again similar to our findings with *MMP13*, we observed a reduction in induced *IL6* expression following TRAFD1 depletion (Fig. 4E).

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## DISCUSSION

To our knowledge this is the first detailed study to evaluate the therapeutic potential of inhibition of the UPS system for OA.

MG132 is a peptide aldehyde which directly inhibits the active site within the 20S core particle, the catalytic sub-complex of the 26S proteasome. Using the DMM OA model we observed that 8-weeks post surgery, MG132-administered mice had a significant protection against OA-like cartilage erosions. Similarly, using a well established bovine *ex vivo* model of cartilage destruction, mediated by pro-inflammatory cytokines,[13] MG132 totally blocked resorption. Proteasomal inhibitors are considered as potential remedies for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and have shown efficacy in animal models, including in rat models of OA.[15, 24, 25] This is principally via their ability to inhibit NF- $\kappa$ B activation.[5] Thus, it was perhaps not surprising that here MG132 prevented cartilage destruction in our explant model, presumably via limiting I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$  degradation, NF- $\kappa$ B signal transduction and *MMP13* expression, all of which we demonstrated *in vitro*.

The NF- $\kappa$ B pathway inhibitor I $\kappa$ B was the first identified substrate of the UPS,[26] where following its K48 poly-ubiquitination it is degraded by the proteasome. In fact, multiple different Ub-conjugated proteins are involved in NF- $\kappa$ B signalling. For example, linear poly-ubiquitination of NEMO, K63 poly-ubiquitination of TRAF6 (itself the responsible E3 ligase), and K11 poly-ubiquitination of RIP1, all regulate the NF- $\kappa$ B pathway.[20] Similarly, deubiquitination plays an important role in NF- $\kappa$ B signalling, exemplified by A20.[27]

Although MG132 is a proteasome inhibitor it disrupts the entire UPS, leading to an accumulation of K48 poly-ubiquitination protein and a lack of bioavailable mono-Ub. In an attempt to resolve the mode of action of MG132 in the protection of DMM-induced OA we used 'wild-type', K48R and K63R Ub transgenic mice in further DMM studies. We observed that the K63R mice developed modestly, but significantly, worse OA. K63 poly-Ub chains are involved in range of cellular processes including intracellular trafficking and autophagy where their formation causes proteins to accumulate to the aggresome.[28] Autophagy is protective for healthy cartilage, where loss of the process is associated with cell death and OA-onset.[29] We therefore speculate that the K63R mice would have reduced autophagy, explaining the observed increase in OA score. Our data also indicates that linear poly-

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ubiquitination has little importance in DMM-induced OA since all three transgenic Ub mice are incapable of this form of conjugation with their respective Ub-transgene. Somewhat pheno-copying the MG132 data, K48R transgenic animals showed significant protection from DMM-OA, but only on the less affected medial-femoral condyle, suggestive of a delay in OA-onset. These data warrant further investigation into the role of K48 poly-ubiquitination at earlier time points during DMM where lesions on the tibial plateau are initiating. A limitation of these studies is that all the transgenic mice are still able to make all poly-Ub conjugates because they still express the four copies of the endogenous Ub genes, UBA52, RPS27A, UBB and UBC,[30] although data suggest the transgenic mutant Ub acts as a dominant negative form.[18] A further limitation is that the transgenic animals were maintained on FVB/N genetic background, rather than C57Bl/6, although we still observed reduced OA in K48R mice compared to the WT-Ub transgenics or 'WT' C57Bl/6 mice, which themselves developed OA indistinguishable from each other (Fig 3).

Given the protection mediated by both MG132 and the K48R Ub transgene the data indicate a role for the 26S proteasome and potentially NF- $\kappa$ B signalling in DMM-OA. NF- $\kappa$ B signalling is the major inflammatory pathway but has yet to be investigated in DMM-induced OA, although the pathway has been extensively studied in chondrocytes and its inhibition can suppress OA in an experimental model.[31] In fact the role of inflammation, and in particular IL-1, in OA remains controversial.[32] Importantly, although we used pro-inflammatory cytokines to study NF- $\kappa$ B activation and *MMP13* expression, inflammatory signalling pathways, including NF- $\kappa$ B, can be activated by other signals including mechano-transduction.[33] Chondrocytes are well known to respond to biomechanical signals to maintain cartilage homeostasis. The magnitude of these signals are critical for the control of the activation or inhibition of pro-inflammatory genes, even in the absence of classical inflammatory stimuli. Further, DMM-induced OA is mechanosensitive with several pro-inflammatory genes that activate NF- $\kappa$ B, including *IL1b* and *IL6*, induced early following surgery and suppressed by joint immobilisation [34] - adding validity to our use of cytokines *in vitro* and our emphasis on NF- $\kappa$ B signalling. However, a number of other signalling pathways important for cartilage development and integrity are regulated by the UPS including TGF- $\beta$  and Wnt signalling.[35, 36] Our data cannot preclude that MG132 or the



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K48R Ub-transgene may be affecting these or other pathways to reduce the cartilage damage induced following DMM surgery.

Given that multiple signalling pathways converge on the upregulation of aggrecanases and collagenases, especially *MMP13*, we sought to identify potentially novel Ub involved in such pathways using a novel proteomic method. From these proteomic data we identified TRAFD1, although we were unable to verify that the protein was directly ubiquitinated since the identified peptide lacked a characteristic lysine-diglycine modification found after trypsin digestion of ubiquitinated peptides. However, TRAFD1 has been previously identified as being ubiquitinated in large-scale proteomic screens for Ub-modified proteins,[37-39] with K103, K129 and K485 of the human protein showing modification. Here, we overexpressed and immunoprecipitated a tagged version of TRAFD1 and confirmed the co-immunoprecipitation of Ub, presumably conjugated to TRAFD1.

We chose TRAFD1, also known as FLN29, for further study based upon previous work linking the protein to toll-like receptor (TLR) and retinoic acid-inducible gene 1 (RIG-1)-like helicase (RLH) signalling,[23, 40] and thus NF- $\kappa$ B signalling. In these studies, contrary to our findings, TRAFD1 is reportedly a negative regulator of TLR and RLH signalling.[23] The discrepancies between our findings and those published could perhaps be explained by differences in the cells or species used but clearly warrant further investigation. TRAFD1 was also reportedly important for IRF-3 dimerisation,[23] a process important for poly(I-C)-induced *MMP13* expression by chondrocytes.[8]

Finally, Ub is a member of a family of ubiquitin-like proteins which includes the Small Ubiquitin-related Modifiers (SUMO). SUMO has recently been linked to *MMP13* expression and potentially RA.[41] Thus, further work into the role of ubiquitin-like proteins in the arthritides is required.

In summary, here we describe for the first time that disruption of the UPS system is able to partially protect from OA-like cartilage destruction in the DMM murine model. Using a proteomic screen we identified TRAFD1 as a potential novel Ub target in chondrocytes and demonstrate that the depletion of the gene reduces the inflammatory induction of the potent collagenase *MMP13*. Further work is required to determine whether the protection from OA observed here by inhibition of the UPS is via TRAFD1, inhibition of NF- $\kappa$ B signalling, or perhaps via modulation of other pathways such as Wnt or TGF- $\beta$  signalling.



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**Table 1. TUBE-enriched, Ub-associated protein with a role in NF-κB signalling**

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2	IPI00009146	TRAFD1	TRAF-type zinc finger domain-containing protein 1	0.05	----	----	<b>O14545</b>
3	IPI00094740	RNF31	Isoform 1 of RING finger protein 31	----	0.05	----	<b>Q96EP0</b>
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6	IPI00220740	NPM1	Isoform 2 of Nucleophosmin	----	----	0.5	<b>P06748</b>
7	IPI00179473	SQSTM1	Isoform 1 of Sequestosome-1	0.65	0.65	0.29	<b>Q13501</b>
8	IPI00299147	SUMO3	Small ubiquitin-related modifier 3	1.1	0.64	0.64	<b>P55854</b>

\* emPAI, Exponentially modified protein abundance index.[10]

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## Figure legends

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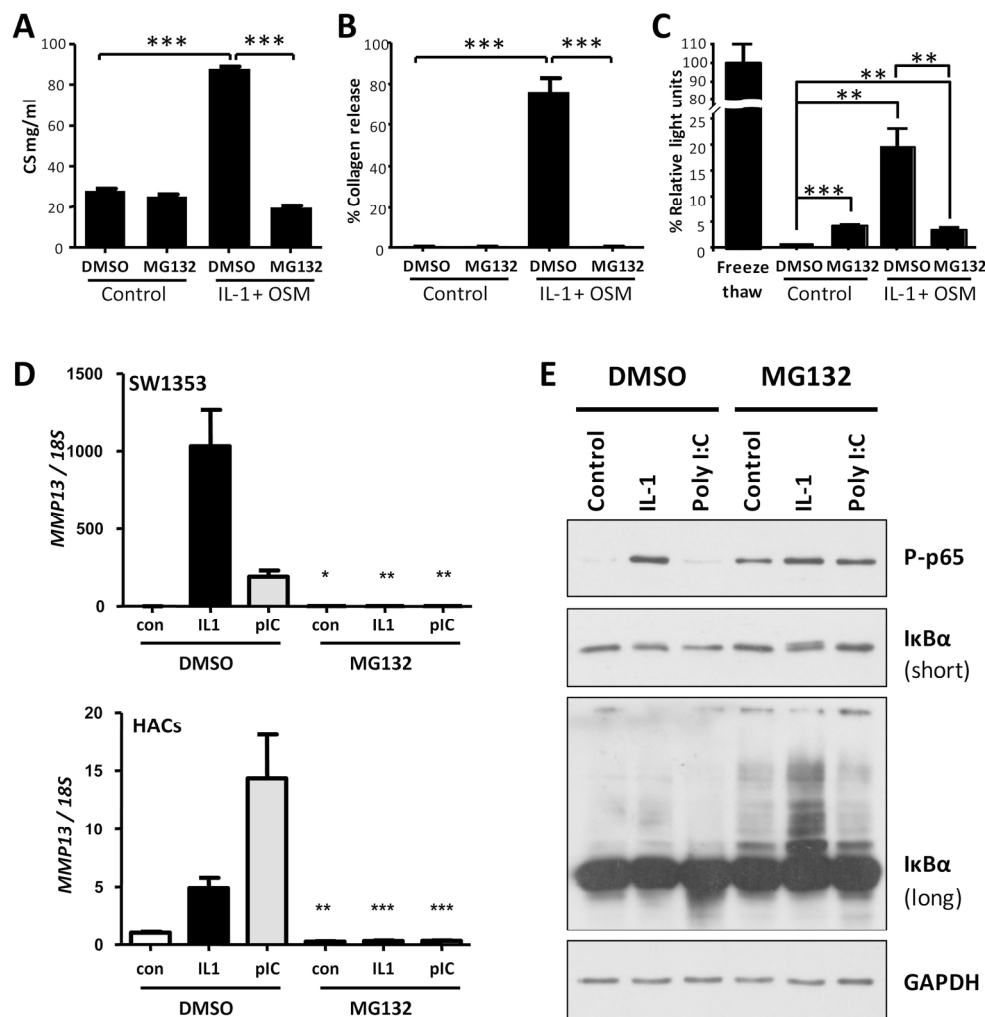


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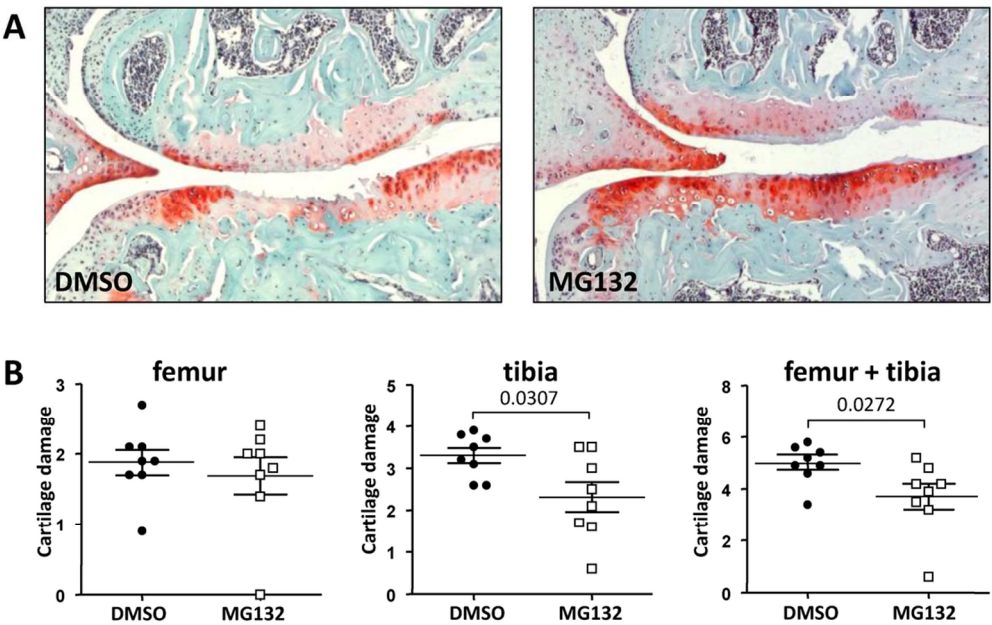


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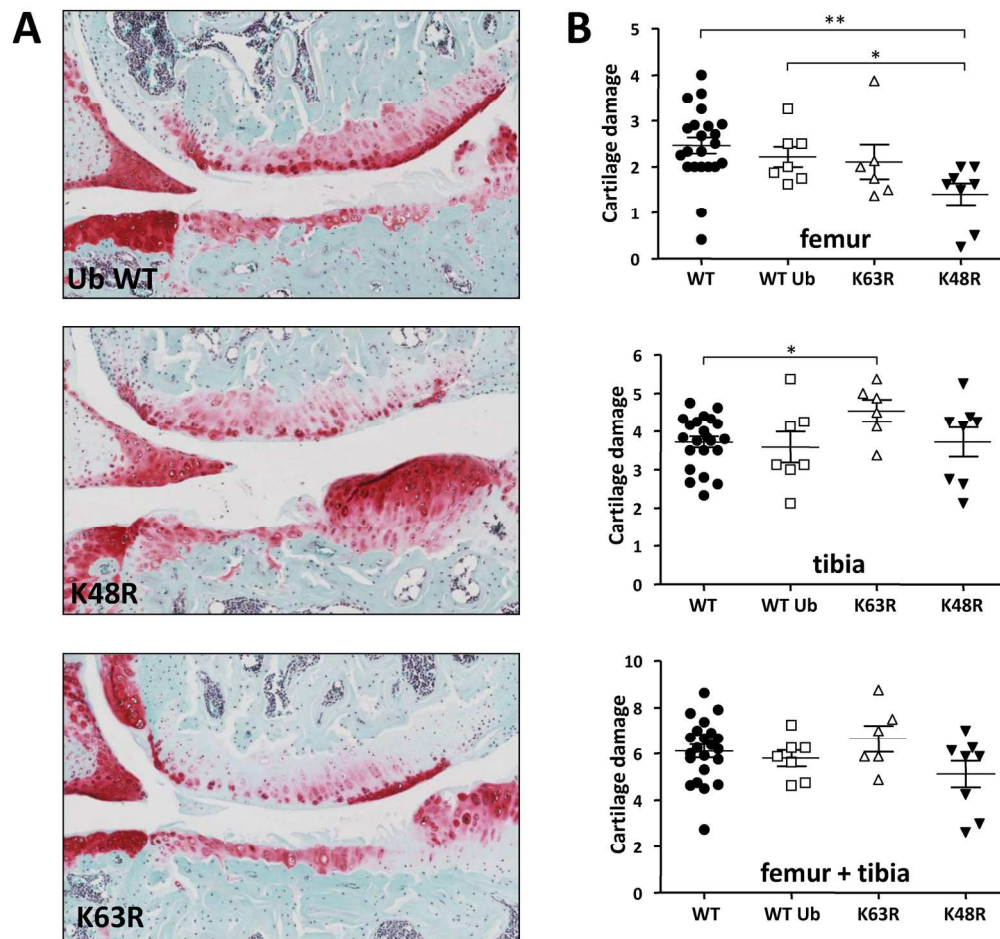


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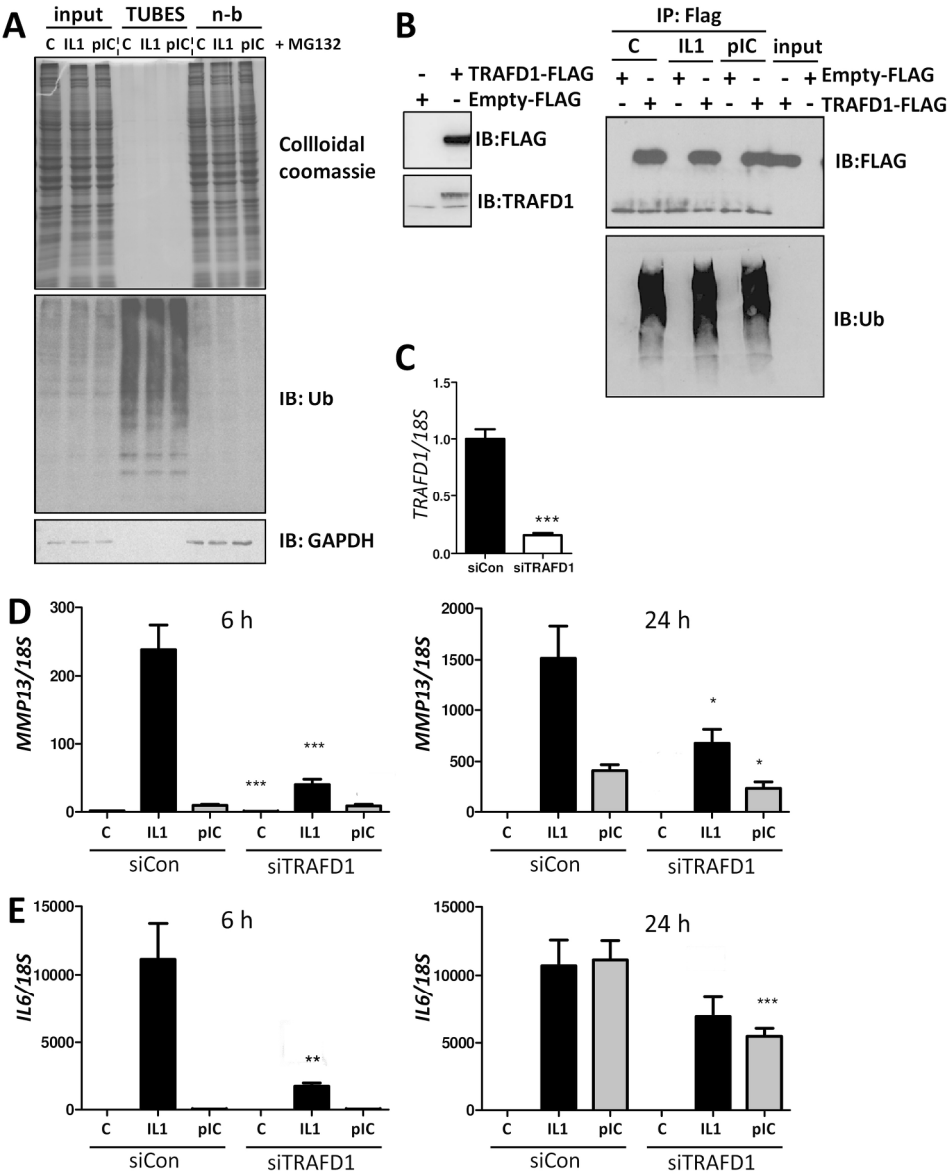


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35	IPi00023191	TOM1	cDNA FLJ54710, highly similar to Target of Myb protein 1	0.32	0.25	0.25	55083	287	227	184	6	4	4	B4DKQ5	cDNA FLJ54710, highly similar to Target of Myb protein 1
36	IPi00023919	PSMC5	26S protease regulatory subunit 8	4.64	3.93	4.27	45768	1124	1005	1144	28	24	27	P62195	26S protease regulatory subunit 8
37	IPi00024067	CLTC	Isomform 1 of Clathrin heavy chain 1	0.19	0.31	0.19	193260	367	598	474	11	16	11	Q00610	Clathrin heavy chain 1
38	IPi00024175	PSMA7	Isomform 1 of Proteasome subunit alpha type-7	2.62	1.92	2.25	28041	527	487	437	12	10	11	O14818	Proteasome subunit alpha type-7
39	IPi00024821	PSMD14	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 14	1.01	0.84	0.55	34726	283	211	199	9	7	5	O00487	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 14
40	IPi00025019	PSMB1	Proteasome subunit beta type-1	6.55	2.07	2.44	26700	616	487	555	17	10	11	P20618	Proteasome subunit beta type-1
41	IPi00026781	FASN	Fatty acid synthase	0.01	0.03	0.02	275877	86	146	117	1	3	2	P49327	Fatty acid synthase
42	IPi00028004	PSMB3	Proteasome subunit beta type-3	1.8	2.19	2.19	23219	456	431	430	9	9	9	P49720	Proteasome subunit beta type-3
43	IPi00028006	PSMB2	Proteasome subunit beta type-2	1.49	1.18	1.49	22993	318	301	353	8	6	7	P49721	Proteasome subunit beta type-2
44	IPi00029623	PSMA6	Proteasome subunit alpha type-6	2.65	3.53	3.07	27838	425	529	480	12	13	13	P60900	Proteasome subunit alpha type-6
45	IPi00032957	UBE2I	SUMO-conjugating enzyme UBC9	0.18	0.38	0.18	18223	64	104	80	1	2	1	P63279	SUMO-conjugating enzyme UBC9
46	IPi00033030	ADRM1	Proteasomal ubiquitin receptor ADRM1	0.24	0.33	0.15	42412	116	173	114	3	4	2	Q16186	Proteasomal ubiquitin receptor ADRM1
47	IPi00100154	TOLLIP	Toll-interacting protein	0.1	0.1	0.1	30490	56	53	52	1	1	1	Q9H0E2	Toll-interacting protein
48	IPi00105598	PSMD11	Proteasome 26S non-ATPase subunit 11 variant (Fragment)	3.32	2.35	2.57	47790	858	737	725	24	20	22	O00231	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 11
49	IPi00157790	KIAA0368	proteasome-associated protein ECM29 homolog	0.01	0.01	0.03	225491	58	1	85	1	1	2	Q5VYK3	Proteasome-associated protein ECM29 homolog
50	IPi00171199	PSMA3	Isomform 2 of Proteasome subunit alpha type-3	1.94	1.64	1.64	27858	339	297	293	10	9	9	P25788	Proteasome subunit alpha type-3
51	IPi00179298	HUWE1	Uncharacterized protein	0.07	0.08	0.05	485780	316	472	287	10	12	7	Q7Z627	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase HUWE1
52	IPi00179330	RPS27A	Ubiquitin-40S ribosomal protein S27a	286.43	465.95	336.9	18296	4986	5380	5210	165	173	165	P62979	Ubiquitin-40S ribosomal protein S27a
53	IPi00179473	SQSTM1	Isomform 1 of Sequestosome-1	0.65	0.65	0.29	48455	427	396	231	8	8	4	Q13501	Sequestosome-1
54	IPi00180675	TUBA1A	Tubulin alpha-1A chain	3.47	2.97	2.74	50788	1012	962	914	27	23	24	Q71U36	Tubulin alpha-1A chain
55	IPi00185374	PSMD12	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 12	3.43	2.52	3.43	53270	1049	771	1102	26	22	27	O00232	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 12
56	IPi00186290	EEF2	Elongation factor 2	0.1	0.17	0.07	96246	108	163	80	3	5	2	P13639	Elongation factor 2
57	IPi00215780	RPS19	40S ribosomal protein S19	1.5	1.5	2	16051	170	178	163	5	5	6	P39019	40S ribosomal protein S19
58	IPi00216049	HNRNP K	Isomform 1 of Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein K	0.06	0.06	0.06	51230	52	50	59	1	1	1	P61978	Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein K
59	IPi00217966	LDHA	Isomform 1 of L-lactate dehydrogenase A chain	0.39	0.39	0.28	36950	165	210	112	4	3	3	P00338	L-lactate dehydrogenase A chain
60	IPi00218292	UFD1L	Isomform Short of Ubiquitin fusion degradation protein 1 homolog	0.19	0.09	0.42	34763	66	53	128	2	1	4	Q92890	Ubiquitin fusion degradation protein 1 homolog
61	IPi00219018	GAPDH	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	0.4	0.65	0.4	36201	235	309	223	4	7	4	P04406	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase
62	IPi00219622	PSMA2	Proteasome subunit alpha type-2	4.04	3.49	4.04	25996	621	566	630	15	13	15	P25787	Proteasome subunit alpha type-2
63	IPi00220102	DNAJB2	Isomform 3 of DnaJ homolog subfamily B member 2	0.19	0.53	0.4	35672	99	160	144	2	5	4	P25686	DnaJ homolog subfamily B member 2
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65	IPi00299147	SUMO3	Small ubiquitin-related modifier 3	1.1	0.64	0.64	11687	122	133	111	4	4	3	P55854	Small ubiquitin-related modifier 3
66	IPi00299155	PSMA4	Proteasome subunit alpha type-4	3.57	5.19	4.05	29750	751	784	773	16	18	17	P25789	Proteasome subunit alpha type-4
67	IPi00299468	SCD	Acyl-CoA desaturase	0.08	0.08	0.08	41667	56	84	60	1	1	1	O00767	Acyl-CoA desaturase
68	IPi00375380	PSMD13	Isomform 2 of 26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 13	1.87	2.3	3.07	43257	518	558	716	15	17	20	QJUNM6	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 13
69	IPi00396485	EEF1A1	Elongation factor 1-alpha 1	0.62	0.94	0.72	50451	289	438	290	8	11	9	P68104	Elongation factor 1-alpha 1
70	IPi00414676	HSP90A B1	Heat shock protein HSP 90-beta	0.2	0.25	0.25	83554	203	210	185	5	6	5	P08238	Heat shock protein HSP 90-beta
71	IPi00418169	ANXA2	Isomform 2 of Annexin A2	0.45	0.57	0.45	40671	180	213	172	5	6	5	P07355	Annexin A2
72	IPi00419575	GET4	Uncharacterised protein family UPF0363 protein	0.09	0.18	0.18	36808	99	112	127	1	2	2	Q7L5D6	Golgi to ER traffic protein 4 homolog
73	IPi00440493	ATPSA1	ATP synthase subunit alpha, mitochondrial	0.05	0.11	0.17	59828	42	68	92	1	2	3	P25705	ATP synthase subunit alpha, mitochondrial
74	IPi00465128	BAG6	Isomform 1 of Large proline-rich protein BAG6	0.51	0.59	0.51	119790	540	662	552	16	18	16	P46379	Large proline-rich protein BAG6
75	IPi00465248	ENO1	Isomform alpha-enolase of Alpha-enolase	0.29	0.67	0.47	47481	193	469	275	4	8	6	P06733	Alpha-enolase
76	IPi00465439	ALDOA	Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase A	0.16	0.26	0.16	39851	82	100	85	2	3	2	P04075	Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase A
77	IPi00479186	PKM2	Isomform M2 of Pyruvate kinase isozymes M1/M2	0.69	0.78	0.78	58470	401	402	371	10	11	11	P14618	Pyruvate kinase isozymes M1/M2
78	IPi00479306	PSMB5	Isomform 1 of Proteasome sub												

86	IP000982304	PSMC3	Uncharacterized protein	3.5	2.73	5.55	15631	272	298	347	9	8	11	E9PLQ8	26S protease regulatory subunit 6A
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87	IP000000816	YWHAE	Isoform 1 of 14-3-3 protein epsilon	0.23	0.11	29326	----	70	65	----	2	1	1	P62258	14-3-3 protein epsilon
88	IP000007188	SLC25A5	ADP/ATP translocase 2	0.1	0.1	33059	----	49	73	----	1	1	1	P05141	ADP/ATP translocase 2
89	IP000007765	HSPA9	Stress-70 protein, mitochondrial	0.09	0.13	73920	----	75	71	----	2	2	2	P38646	Stress-70 protein, mitochondrial
90	IP000014398	FHL1	four and a half LIM domains protein 1 isoform 5	0.09	0.09	35494	----	71	52	----	1	1	1	Q13642	Four and a half LIM domains protein 1
91	IP000020008	NEDD8	NEDD8	0.87	0.37	9066	----	163	136	----	3	2	2	Q15843	NEDD8
92	IP000218466	SEC61A1	cDNA FLJ59739, highly similar to Protein transport protein Sec61 subunit alpha isoform 1	0.26	0.06	53371	----	216	43	----	4	1	1	B4DR60	Protein transport protein Sec61 subunit alpha isoform 0
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94	IP000293464	DOB1	DNA damage-binding protein 1	0.05	0.02	128142	----	71	41	----	2	1	1	Q16531	DNA damage-binding protein 1
95	IP000302592	FLNA	Isoform 2 of Filamin-A	0.09	0.1	282581	----	292	285	----	8	9	9	Q60FE6	Filamin A
96	IP000328354	MAGED1	Isoform 1 of Melanoma-associated antigen D1	0.04	0.04	86221	----	50	80	----	1	1	1	Q9Y5V3	Melanoma-associated antigen D1
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102	IP000009146	TRAFD1	TRAF-type zinc finger domain-containing protein 1	0.05	----	66226	55	----	----	1	----	----	----	Q14545	TRAF-type zinc finger domain-containing protein 1
103	IP000019472	SLC1A5	Neutral amino acid transporter B(0)	0.05	----	57018	53	----	----	1	----	----	----	Q15758	Neutral amino acid transporter B(0)
104	IP000021263	YWHAZ	14-3-3 protein zeta/delta	0.38	----	27899	100	----	----	3	----	----	----	P63104	14-3-3 protein zeta/delta
105	IP000022891	SLC25A4	ADP/ATP translocase 1	0.2	----	33271	89	----	----	2	----	----	----	P12235	ADP/ATP translocase 1
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108	IP000028635	RPN2	Dolichyl-diphosphooligosaccharide--protein glycosyltransferase subunit 2	0.05	----	69355	49	----	----	1	----	----	----	P04844	Dolichyl-diphosphooligosaccharide--protein glycosyltransferase subunit 2
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115	IP000295772	CYP51A1	lanosterol 14-alpha demethylase isoform 1	0.05	----	57641	60	----	----	1	----	----	----	Q16850	Lanosterol 14-alpha demethylase
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117	IP000645452	TUBB	Uncharacterized protein	3.02	----	48135	980	----	----	27	----	----	----	B7ZAK1	cDNA, FLJ79215, highly similar to Tubulin beta-7 chain
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128	IP000221092	RPS16	40S ribosomal protein S16	0.43	----	16549	86	----	----	2	----	----	----	P62249	40S ribosomal protein S16
129	IP000410680	ANKHD1-EIF4EBP2	Isoform 3 of Ankyrin repeat and KH domain-containing protein 1	0.05	----	64585	41	----	----	1	----	----	----	Q8IWZ3	Ankyrin repeat and KH domain-containing protein 1
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131	IP000456695	PSMD1	Isoform 2 of 26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 1	2.82	----	103162	2134	----	----	46	----	----	----	Q99460	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 1
132	IP000643152	HSPA1L	highly similar to Heat shock 70 kDa protein 1L	0.22	----	77912	214	----	----	5	----	----	----	B4DI54	cDNA FLJ56386, highly similar to Heat shock 70 kDa protein 1L
133	IP000759683	CAV1	Isoform Beta of Caveolin-1	0.19	----	17183	43	----	----	1	----	----	----	Q03135	Caveolin-1
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143	IP000021405	LMNA	Isoform A of Prelamin-A/C	0.39	----	74380	----	188	----	----	----	----	7	P02545	Prelamin-A/C
144	IP000021428	ACTA1	Actin, alpha skeletal muscle	1.54	----	42366	----	409	----	----	----	----	13	P68133	Actin, alpha skeletal muscle
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158	IP000335168	MYL6	Isoform Non-muscle of Myosin light polypeptide 6	4.63	----	17090	----</								



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170	IPi00033494	MYL12B	Myosin regulatory light chain 12B	0.16	-----	5.99	19824	66	-----	584	1	-----	13	<b>O14950</b>	Myosin regulatory light chain 12B
171	IPi00299608	PSMD1	Isoform 1 of 26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 1	2.45	-----	2.35	106795	1808	-----	1909	45	-----	43	<b>Q99460</b>	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 1
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173	IPi00418471	VIM	Vimentin	0.25	-----	2.11	53676	100	-----	621	4	-----	20	<b>P08670</b>	Vimentin
174	IPi00450975	RPS16	Uncharacterized protein	0.67	-----	0.67	17267	102	-----	120	3	-----	3	<b>Q6IPX4</b>	40S ribosomal protein S16
175	IPi00797373	DOCK8	Isoform 1 of Dedicator of cytokinesis protein 8	0.01	-----	0.01	240886	53	-----	42	1	-----	1	<b>Q8NF50</b>	Dedicator of cytokinesis protein 8
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Modified peptides Ubiquitin ?  
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